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the other Development Officer to purchase a camera at a cost of Rs. 400? May I also know whether these cameras are for use for the purposes for which they were purchased? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' These cameras should have been purchased with the due approval of the Collector. I am not in a position to explain why there was difference in the cost of these cameras.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' ஸார், இந்தக் காமிரா வாங்கி படம் பிடிப்பதற்கும் படங்களைத் தயாரிப்பதற்கும் செலவு செய்கிறார்களே அந்தச் செலவு எந்த இனத்திலிருந்து செலவு செய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' இதைப்பற்றி ஆங்கிலத்தில் நான் பதில் சொன்னேன். ரூரல் வெல்பேர் தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்பு திட்டத்துக்கான செலவுகளிலிருந்து செலவு செய்யப்படும் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். இவைகள் கலெக்டருடைய டிஸ்கிரிஷனரி கிராண்டிலிருந்து செலவு செய்யப்படுகிறது.''

Drinking water wells.

* 2042 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provided the following villages with wells for drinking purposes :—

(1) Kandiankuppam, (2) Kanathukandan, (3) Chinnappandaramkuppam, (4) Katcharyanthan, (5) Kottari, (6) Muthanai, (7) Maduravirathikuppam and (8) Eruppu; and

(*b*) if so, when have the Government dug wells?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) Borewells have been sunk in Kandiankuppam and Mudanai villages only. They were taken up in 1954–55 and are in progress.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' In the current year, how many wells are proposed to be dug in Villupuram taluk? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' What has that to do with the main question? If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer I have no objection.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' It is a general question, Sir.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' That is why I do not know whether the Hon. Minister will be able to answer it.''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Notice, Sir.''

Destruction of crops by insects and pests.

* 2043 Q.—
MR. SPEAKER :—'' As the hon. Member Sri K. G. Muniswami Gounder is not in his place, the answer together with the question will be printed in the proceedings.''

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Sri K. G. MUNISWAMI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received recently from the ryots of Wallajah and Arkonam taluks in North Arcot district about their loss of crops due to attacks by insects and pests; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) No representation has been received from the ryots of Wallajah taluk regarding the prevalence of pests. A few representations were received from the ryots in Arkonam taluk.

" (b) There was a pest attack only on a limited scale in a few villages in Arkonam taluk. In Wallajah taluk, there were no cases of attack by pests on a large scale. The Agriculture Department has been keeping a careful watch and taken necessary preventive and control measures even in cases of very mild incidence. The petitions for grant of remission for loss of crop on account of pest attack have been sent to the Revenue Officers for necessary action."

Irrigation of lands in Coimbatore and adjacent taluks.

* 2044 Q.—Sri P. S. RANGASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government propose to divert the waters of the rivers flowing from the Kundah Hills from west to east with a view to irrigate the lands in Coimbatore and its adjacent taluks?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The answer is in the negative, Sir."

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans.

* 2045 Q.—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any proposal was under the consideration of the Government some four years back for the assignment of house-sites to the Harijans in Sepakkam village, Vriddhachalam taluk, and

(b) if so, the reason for the delay in implementing the proposals so far?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Harijans of Sepakkam village, South Arcot district, applied to the Collector for provisions of house-sites in the year 1951. As the sites selected by the Harijans were unsuitable for house-building purposes, the proposals could not be pushed through. In 1953, on the further representations from the Harijans, the Collector selected some other